

Early examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee (mail label #EL157101959US) in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 11, 2000:

Dorothy Jenkins

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

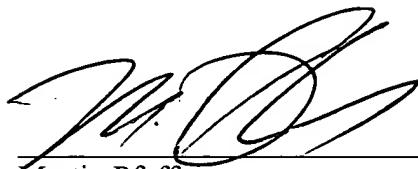
*Dorothy Jenkins*

Signature

September 11, 2000

Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



Martin Pfeffer

Registration No.: 20,808

OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP

1180 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10036-8403

Telephone: (212) 382-0700

MP:jy